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GEORGE W. BALL was born in Hancock County, Virginia (now West Virginia), March 6, 1848, and died at Fairfield, Iowa, March 14, 1920. He was descended from the family of Balls to which belonged Mary Ball, the mother of George Washington. He came with his parents to Jefferson County, Iowa, in 1854 where he attended the public schools and Fairfield University. He engaged in farming, banking and manufacturing, was a director in the Iowa State Savings Bank, the Iowa Loan and Trust Company and the Fairfield Gasoline Engine Company, all of Fairfield. In 1887 he was elected representative and re-elected two years later. Again elected in 1914, he served as representative in the Twenty-second, Twenty-third and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies. In 1916 he was elected senator from the Jefferson-Van Buren district, and served in the Thirty-seventh and Thirty-eighth General Assemblies. He vigorously proposed repealing the law for extending and improving the capitol grounds. He was a prominent citizen and a useful legislator.

LOUIS F. SPRINGER was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and died at Reading, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1914. He graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, and came to Independence, Iowa, in 1880 and engaged in the practice of law. In 1881 he was elected county attorney of Buchanan County and was re-elected two years later, serving four years. In 1885 he was elected mayor of Independence and served one year. He was clerk of the district court from 1891 to 1895. In 1901 he was elected representative and regularly re-elected until 1906, serving in the Twenty-ninth, Thirtieth, Thirty-first, Thirty-second and Thirty-second extra General Assemblies. As this was a Republican county and he was a Democrat, his career attested to the confidence his constituents reposed in him. Owing to his declining health he returned to and remained a resident of his old home in Pennsylvania a year or two before his death.

ALBIN C. BLACKMORE was born in Alleghany, New York, August 19, 1843, and died at Northwood, Iowa, August 29, 1915. He lived on a farm with his parents until August, 1861, when he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-fourth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served three years, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He was seriously wounded in battle at Spottsylvania Court House. After the war he went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, where his parents had removed. He came to Worth County, Iowa, in 1866 and followed farming and stock raising. He was elected township clerk and then county supervisor. In 1883 he was elected county auditor and served nine years. Following that he was manager of the Farmers' Lumber Company at Northwood. In 1906 he was elected representative and re-elected in 1908, serving in the Thirty-second, Thirty-second extra and Thirty-third General Assemblies.

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